GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2886
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
BIS NORMS FOR PETROL
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether petrol available in many parts of the country is not upto the norms fixed by the BIS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the norms fixed by the BIS;

(d) the guidelines issued by the Government to the Oil Companies to adopt these prescribed norms;

(e) the responsibility fixed by the Government for maintaining the norms and action taken by the Government against the defaulter companies which supply petrol below the prescribed standard norms; and

(f) the fresh instruction issued by the Government to the oil companies to provide clean fuel to save the auto industry and to protect environment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Petrol supplied in the country is as per the specifications notified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

(c) BIS have notified the norms for gasoline (petrol) vide specifications IS 2796:2000.

(d) The Government have mandated compliance of BIS specifications throughcontrol orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

(e) The following steps have been taken to supply quality fuel at retail outlets and prevent adulteration of petrol and diesel:-

(i) blue dyeing and furfural doping of PDS kerosene

(ii) regular/surprise inspections at retail outlets

(iii) setting up of Anti Adulteration Cell and empowering of officers of the Cell with powers of search and seizures under various Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

(iv) increase in the number of mobile labs for checking of adulteration of petrol and diesel at the retail outlets.

(v) taking punitive action against retail outlets found indulging in adulteration as laid down in the Marketing Discipline Guidelines 2001 and/or in terms of Dealership Agreement.

(vi) empowering the State Governments to carry out inspection of retailoutlets and take appropriate action under the Essential Commodities Act against erring dealers in case any malpractices/irregularities are detected.

(f): Oil companies have been advised to upgrade their refineries and to supply throughout the country petrol and diesel of 0.05% max. sulphur content from 1st April, 2005.